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SUBJ: GOG REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING IN PETROLEUM AND
OTHER FIELDS

1. VICE MINISTER OF LABOR HAS ASKED FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE
IN FUNDING AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING IN U.S. FOR
SPECIALIZED TECHNICIANS. VICE MINISTER STRESSED GOG IS
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TRAINING TECHNICIANS FOR
PETROLEUM, SUGAR REFINING, AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES.
STUDENTS WOULD BE SELECTED BY GOG FROM PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. LABOR MINISTRY HAS FUND OF SOME
\$100,000 SET ASIDE FOR THIS KIND OF TRAINING BUT WOULD
LIKE TO EXPAND NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS BY SHARING FUNDING WITH
USG AND WOULD APPRECIATE OUR HELP IN FINDING PRIVATE
ENTERPRISES, UNIVERSITIES OR GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS WHICH
COULD PROVIDE TRAINING.

2. MISSION BELIEVES VICE MINISTER'S REQUEST PROVIDES USG
WITH OPPORTUNITY TO BE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT - PARTICULARLY
IN PETROLEUM FIELD. GUATEMALA BELIEVES IT MAY BE ON
VERGE OF DEVELOPING A SIGNIFICANT PETROLUM INDUSTRY.
IT REALIZES THAT IT LACKS SKILLED MANPOWER IN PETROLEUM
FIELD BUT DOES NOT HAVE CLEAR IDEA OF MANPOWER NEEDS.
THE GOG IS LOOKING FOR ADVICE AND HELP. VENEZUELAN
EMBASSY HERE ALREADY HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO SEND GOG
OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS CONCERNED WITH PETROLEUM

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POLICIES TO COURSES IN VENEZUELA. SIMILAR PROGRAM BY

USG COULD HELP TO ORIENT TECHNICIANS TOWARD U.S. METHODS
AND ATTITUDES.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON FEASIBILITY OF
ASSISTING GOG IN THIS PROGRAM.
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